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SELECTION OF COLLEGES FOR POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC have a proposal to select 100 colleges across the country who will give joint degree and that have potential for excellence;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the criteria adopted for the purpose; and

(c) the kind of help likely to be provided to the selected colleges by the UGC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c): Improvement of quality and excellence in the institutions of higher education is one of the thrust directions that the UGC has set during the 10th Plan period. Under this programme, the UGC proposes to select and support100 colleges throughout the country which have potential for excellence so as to allow them to improve their academic infrastructure leading to achievement of excellence in teaching activities and initiate research culture. These colleges would be given `Joint-Degree Conferring Status` with their names on the degree certificate alongwith the name of the University. This would enhance their credibility. The UGC is in the process of constituting an Expert Committee, which would suggest criteria and modalities for selection of colleges with potential for excellence. The Committee would also suggest the level of financial inputs to be provided to these colleges under the scheme. The UGC has, however, earmarked Rs.10.00 cores for this purpose during the year 2002-2003 i.e. the 1st year of the 10th Plan period.